

## SURFWATCH UPDATE

## CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The next Town of Surfside Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.** The 45 minute workshop will be held at the Surfside Municipal Building, located at **9293 Harding Avenue**, in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided.

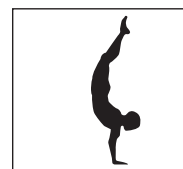
The workshop will feature a speaker, crime prevention strategies, and upcoming community projects. We look forward to facilitating the exchange of ideas and educational

opportunities. Let us work together to continue to make Surfside a safe place to live, work, learn and play.

For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or for a free residential or commercial survey, **please contact Lieutenant John Madden or Lieutenant Shawn P. O'Reilly at (305)861-4862.**

**Our e-mail address is: [Surfsidepd@the-beach.net](mailto:Surfsidepd@the-beach.net)**

**Please visit our website at: [www.town.surfside.fl.us](http://www.town.surfside.fl.us)**



## NEWS FROM THE TOURIST BOARD

## SURFSIDE STARS TALENT WANTED!

Start thinking about your entertainment talents. The Tourist Board is planning a "Surfside Stars" Concert in November with your participation. We are looking for music, dancing, comedy and other entertainment. Auditions will be held in October.

**For further information, call (305)864-0722.**



## COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY JULY 13, 2004 AT 8:00 PM

## TOWN COMMISSION

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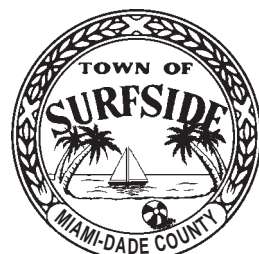
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## TOWN OF SURFSIDE

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**9293 Harding Avenue**

**Surfside, Florida**

**July 2004**

## FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

## Dear Surfsiders,

June has been a most exciting month.

For those of you who attended the Summer Family Fun Day at Novack Park, you know what I am talking about: rock climbing, water slides, Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Snow Cones, BBQ picnic lunch – and hundreds of fine Surfsiders. For those of you who missed the Summer Family Fun Day, the Back to School Family Fun Day will be in mid-August. Monitor the Gazette and the Website, <http://town.surfside.fl.us/>, for updates. Equally as successful but more emotionally moving was the Memorial Day Ceremony where the Town recognized our residents who have fought in five wars since 1941. A couple of the veterans brought memorabilia that fascinated the children in attendance. The Town's staff, particularly Adele Weisberg and her staff, did a professional job in staging both of these events.

Addressing the social needs of our

increasing number of teenagers, two well-attended events were held on their behalf. The Surfside Rocks Concert Series featured several local bands and the proceeds go to support the music programs of all the schools in our feeder pattern which have seen budget cut-backs in their Music Departments. The Bay Harbor/ Ruth K. Broad Elementary 5th and 6th Grades Graduation Dance presented a popular DJ and was a wildly popular way for the PTSA to raise money for the future 6th graders. Both Vice Mayor Frank MacBride's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Commissioner Rubin Coto's Public Education Committee deserve lavish praise for their planning and promotion of these two events.

Finally, Dorie Laurie and her Tourist Board Committee sponsored a wonderful Father's Day Dance. Highlighting the sounds of the local artists "Poppy" Orchestra and the stunning tenor, Alberto, the evening was a musical achievement.

## Construction Projects:

By now everyone in Town must have experienced the two newest traffic control devices. These are prototypes with

several more in the planning stages. Their purpose is to slow down traffic and to make traffic stop at the Stop signs. The landscaping will commence shortly.

If you have been to the pool lately, you have seen a series of unusual structures mounted upon a sloping pad of concentric concrete circles. This is the new Water Park. It will consist of 8 elements of various types that will allow out children to cool off in the heat short of going into the pool. Despite a statewide shortage of cement, the contractor has committed to a July 4th dedication date.

Once the Water Park is open, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will have the responsibility of designing and transforming the proposed passive activity park that will surround the Water Park.

As promised, the selection process for the new Town Building official and the new Recreation Superintendent has been completed, and formal offers of employment have been prepared. By next month's Gazette, they will have been working for several weeks. The

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**REMINDER TO PARENTS: IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN AT BAY HARBOR ISLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

## ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 18th, 2004. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Surfside Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue, will be the location of this year's Adopt-A-Tree Program. This program will serve other beach communities, so please get to the Municipal

Building early in the morning to make sure that you get your two trees from among the thousands of Cassia, Buttonwood, Lychee, Carambola and Wild Tamarind trees available.

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Town Building Official's immediate primary charge will be to establish strict, formal written processes that will clearly define the Town's building permit and inspection programs to residents and contractors alike. Eventually these defined processes will be linked to a readily retrievable inspection schedule on the Town's Website. In this manner, mutual expectations for performance can be established, communicated and monitored.

#### Recreational Activities:

As the demographics of Surfside have changed, so have the proposed recreational opportunities. A job offer has been sent to a candidate who will be responsible for an entire new set of recreational activities ranging from a proposed Adult Coed Beach Volleyball league to classes in Pilates, Gymnastics, Martial Arts and Chess. The new Recreation Superintendent will be responsible for developing and executing these new recreational programs.

Speaking of recreational activities, the adult supervisors of the Game Room inform me that our facility could use more patrons. The Game Room in the Community Center is located across the breezeway from the library and contains Ping-Pong, Foosball, Air Hockey, Basketball and many board games. Adults always supervise it. Please drop by and see the Game Room.

#### Environmental Projects:

Composting is a science that turns yard and kitchen waste

into a useable form of very beneficial "soil". For every ton of garbage that the Town removes from its waste stream, it saves approximately \$55. Additionally, as compost is added to the soil, the yard's ability to retain water saves a bundle on artificial irrigation. Accordingly, Planning and Zoning Board member Daniel Deitch and Commissioner Steve Levine have collaborated for the past year to start a Surfside Composting Program. Utilizing a \$5,000 grant from the State, these two residents have devised an educational program to teach residents how to make compost and then to subsidize compost training graduates with ingenious, manufactured (with recycled plastics) compost bins. The program's first 12 graduates were awarded certificates on Saturday, June 18th. Dr. Monica Oresco- Hampton, a composting expert, was the instructor, and her reception was enthusiastic. The next class is scheduled for August/September. If you are interested, please call Lynda Barry at Town Hall, (305)861 4863, and look to the Composting page on the Website.

Enjoy your summer, slow down, drive safely, use sun screen and send me your ideas and comments at [surfside@bell-south.net](mailto:surfside@bell-south.net)

**Tim Will**

**Your Mayor**

## SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager reported on the status of the construction of the water theme park at the Community Center and on the status of the installation of the traffic control devices. He also reported on the status of the beach dune replanting.

Regarding the upgrade needed for the Community Center water and sewer service, to include the installation of a back-flow preventer, the Town Manager reported that he had received two proposals. One proposal for the amount of \$38,700.00 from Darcon Group Corp. and the other for \$30,000.00 from Central Plumbing – W. S. Company. The Town Commission passed a motion to waive the bid requirements and to award the project to the lowest proposer, Central Plumbing – W. S. Company, as recommended by the Town Manager.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

2. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on second reading, amending the Future Land Use Element,

Transportation Element and Capital Improvements Element of the Town of Surfside Comprehensive Plan, adding Policy 1.5 to provide for adequate parking to serve the Harding Avenue Business District and planned Civic Center; adding Policy 4.3 to reduce municipal fleet parking impacts on the Harding Avenue Business District; adding a new Objective 11 to plan and implement a Civic Center Complex; adding a new Policy 11.1 to consolidate municipal services into a centrally located complex; adding Policy 11.2 to expand existing library facilities; adding Policy 11.3 to relocate non-water related municipal activities in the oceanfront recreation center to a new Civic Center; adding Policy 11.4 to acquire lands to support parking and Civic Center expansion needs; adding Policy 6.2 to inventory parking spaces and identify public and private parking needs; adding Policy 6.3 to develop a plan for providing needed parking spaces; and modifying Capital Improvement Element Policy 1.6 to include parking improvements and improvements to the Civic Center and related facilities.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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## RECREATION NEWS

# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Town of Surfside Recreation Department will celebrate  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY, Sunday, July 4th, at the Community Center Pool.**

Festivities will begin at noon, and will include games for children (Game Master 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.) and swim races for all ages. The "Surefire Calypso Band" will provide Island Music during the day and the "Danger Drew Band" for dancing in the evening. Fireworks will be provided by "Zambelli Internationale".

The snack bar will be open throughout the day for breakfast, lunch and dinner, serving great food at reasonable prices by our congenial concessionaires, Rosa and Simone.

**Regular admission, Surfside ID Card or Hotel ID Card must be presented.**

**Lounges and umbrellas are \$0.80 each.**



**COME AND ENJOY A FUN-FILLED JULY 4TH  
HOLIDAY CELEBRATION  
IN SURFSIDE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL  
THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (305)866-3635.**



## SURFSIDE RESIDENT ID CARDS

If you have not renewed your Surfside Resident ID Card, you may do so at the Community Center, Recreation Department, 7 days a week, upon presenting proof of residence, such as an electric bill or telephone bill (Driver's license or voter's registration card is NOT ACCEPTABLE).

## SUMMER POOL HOURS

The pool is now open Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sundays through Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.





TOWN OF SURFSIDE  
WATER CONSUMER

The *Town of Surfside* is committed to provide its customers with high quality drinking water.

The drinking water in the Town of Surfside is purchased directly from Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD).

We are pleased to report that our drinking water supplied by WASD is safe and has met all federal, state and local standards for drinking water for the calendar year 2003. This information was obtained from the WASD report.

The Town of Surfside routinely monitors for lead, copper and coliform bacteria in your drinking water, in accordance with EPA Federal Regulations.

The data presented in the table below shows the results for the most recent monitoring period, in accordance with the regulations.



Contaminant	Federal MCL	Federal Goal	State MCL	Violations Y=Yes N=No	Year Tested	Level Detected	Major Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	5%	0	1*	N	2003	Presence of Coliform bacteria in one sample one month	Naturally present in the environments
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	AL=15	N	2003	0 homes out of 22 (0%) exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing system
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0	AL=1.3	N	2003	0 homes out of 22 (0%) exceeded AL	Corrosion of household plumbing system

\* Highest monthly number of positive Total Coliform Bacteria

Out of twenty-two (22) homes tested in 2003, no home had elevated lead levels in their drinking water. Our water system has not exceeded the lead and copper action levels during monitoring periods within the last three consecutive years.

*Lead can pose a significant risk to your health. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes because of your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using tap water.*

If you have any questions feel free to call the Town of Surfside Water & Sewer Department at 305-861-4863 or visit our web site at [www.town.surfside.fl.us](http://www.town.surfside.fl.us).

For the Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department Communications Section please call (305) 669-3704, Alexander Orr Lab (305) 275-3170, John E. Preston Lab (305) 887-2007 or visit their web site at [www.metro-dade.com/wasd](http://www.metro-dade.com/wasd).

3. The Town Commission passed a resolution renaming 96th Street Park "Novack Park".  
VOTE: 3 - 2

4. The Town Commission passed a resolution providing for the fiscal year 2003/2004 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be funded by

proceeds of confiscated funds.  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. The Town Commission passed a motion appointing Mitchell Kinzer, Oscar Olchyk, Ricardo Zambrano, and Jay Abramowitz, to the Personnel Appeals Board.  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

LIVING IN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA

**LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD** - The Town of Surfside has attained a "Class 8" Classification in the Community Rating System (CRS) for establishing flood prevention activities and the continued management of the flood prevention system. Residents may now be entitled to a 10% discount in their flood insurance premiums and 10% discount in subsequent years that the Town maintains participation in the CRS program. The following information is provided to suggest actions, which residents living in a flood hazard area may take to minimize potential flood damage.

**FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM** - Any substantial flood experienced by Surfside residents will likely come from a hurricane or tropical storm. Since Surfside is on a barrier island, any storm surge is likely to flood coastal, as well as interior properties. Because of this, you should heed all hurricane and tropical storm warnings. These warnings will be broadcast through local television and radio stations, such as WFOR-Channel 4, WTVJ-Channel 6, WSVN-Channel 7, and WPLG-Channel 10, or on radio on WQAM-AM 560 or WIOD-AM610.

**FLOOD SAFETY/ PROPERTY PROTECTION** -If an evacuation is ordered, you should proceed to rapidly evacuate to a point of safety, such as a County shelter or other prearranged site. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters, so special arrangements should be made for them. People with special needs, who are disabled, or under a doctor's care, can register for special assistance with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management by calling (305)513-7700. Before you evacuate, there are a number of flood safety precautions to follow. Know appropriate escape routes, turn off your electricity and gas, and close all your windows, doors, and shutters. If you have time, you can move valuables and furniture to elevated areas that are less prone to water damage. Prepare emergency supplies of food, water, medicines, and other personal essentials to have readily available upon evacuation.

**FLOOD INSURANCE** - In preparation for the hurricane season, you should check that your flood insurance coverage is in effect. Remember that flood damage is not covered by homeowners' normal insurance. For most people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Protect your property by obtaining flood insurance if you have not already done so. Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program is available and information can be obtained by contacting any licensed property or casualty broker. Also remember that there is normally a 30 day waiting period for the flood insurance to take effect, so do not wait

until there is a storm warning to talk to your insurance agent.

**DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE**- Another way that the Town of Surfside minimizes flood damage is by maintaining its storm drainage system. Please be reminded that it is illegal to dispose debris or yard cuttings into the storm drainage system. The storm drainage system on A1A and 96th Street, installed by the State of Florida, helps to minimize flood damage. Effective maintenance by our Public Works Department, combined with the State of Florida storm drainage system, should minimize potential flood damage.

**LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD MAP / PERMIT REQUIREMENTS** - Flood damage may be minimized by new buildings and additions adhering to the current Base Flood Elevations (BFE). In most cases in Surfside, it is 8.0 feet NGVD. However, it is advisable to obtain a written flood map determination from the Town's Building Official showing the Base Flood Elevation required for your proposed construction, according to the exact location. Should you require the latest edition of the Elevation Certificate Form for your Surveyor's use, it is available at the Town Building and Zoning Department. All construction, including repair work and additions in excess of \$250.00 in value, must obtain a Municipal Building Permit. Residents are encouraged to contact the Building and Zoning Department to eliminate confusion as to pertinent codes and regulations to facilitate your permit process.

**SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS** - The so-called "Substantial Improvement" Rule applies to all work done to an existing structure, including additions, during the preceding 5 years. If the total dollar value of this work exceeds 50% of the market value of your structure (not including the value of the land), then your entire structure will be required to be raised to base flood elevation or to be flood-proofed. The Federal Government requires the Town of Surfside to have an ordinance enforcing this Rule through the Building and Zoning Department. Failure by the Town of Surfside to effectively enforce the Substantial Improvement Rule may result in the virtual unavailability of flood insurance for the Town.

*Further information on all of these subjects is available at the Surf-Bal-Bay Library in the Reference Section, located at 9301 Collins Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-865-2409). The Librarian can direct you to the Floodplain Management Section. Written flood map determinations are available through the Town of Surfside Building and Zoning Department, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida (305-861-4863).*